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MEETING NEWS

LEISURE - PAIN OR PLEASURE

DR. FARINA

The question according to Dr. Farina is "Are we in the age of technology" or "Are we in the age of leisure"? Dr. Farina cites the three dangers facing modern society are nuclear destruction, over-population and leisure. Surprisingly, leisure is the greatest danger since we are so poorly prepared for it.

We are poorly prepared because we have the value system of the industrial age. Religion has taught us the importance of the work ethic and we, because of our human frailties, have begun to worship work and its monetary rewards. We sometimes go further and place more value on the source of our incomes rather than the income itself. We have begun to dislike the unemployed rather than the state of unemployment.

People's duration in the work force has lessened over the years because of our child labour laws, increase in technology, and forced earlier retirement. To prepare ourselves for leisure we must concentrate on what it means to be human. To be human we can expand our intellectual development, our creative capacities and our social, spiritual and physical selves.

The challenge Dr. Farina states is to educate people to participate in a more humane society, perhaps then making leisure less painful and more pleasurable.

ANNUAL MEETING OF POINT, INC.

The Annual Meeting of POINT, Inc. was held on June 4, 1985 at 10:30 a.m. at Grace Church on-the-Hill, 300 Lonsdale Road. Approximately 75 residents and agency representatives attended. Luncheon followed at the home of Barbara Stupp, 17 Gardiner Road.

The Chairman, Ann Barrett, called the meeting to order and thanked Grace Church on-the-Hill for the use of the hall. Rev. Stephen Booth welcomed POINT to the church.

Linda Ledgett moved that the minutes of the Annual Meeting, June 4, 1984 be adopted. The motion, seconded by Susan Cornwell, carried.

The financial statement and report of the auditor were read by Susan Cornwell, Treasurer, who thanked the auditors, Edloitte, Haskins and Sells, for donation of their services, and moved adoption of the auditors'

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report. The motion, seconded by Cathy Quick, carried. Susan Cornwell moved that Thorne Riddell, Inc. be appointed auditor for 1985-86. The motion, seconded by Ann Gordon, carried.

The proposed slate of Directors and Advisors of POINT was read by Barbara Stupp, Chairman of the Nominating Committee. As there were no further nominations a single ballot was cast by the acting Secretary, Margot Morris.

Outgoing Chairman, Ann Barrett, presented the annual report for 1984-85. She noted the changes that have taken place in the POINT community over the past few years, including the growing number of single parent families, families with both parents working, the increase in the population of senior citizens and the decrease in the disparity of income among residents in North Toronto, all of which have affected demand for social services.

POINT has also grown to over four hundred members in 1984 including individuals and agencies. Highlights of the past year featured a number of special projects. These included the North Toronto Youth Counselling Project, the presentation made to the Fraser Committee regarding pornography, and the proposal for an all purpose Community Centre in North Toronto. (A copy of the report is enclosed).

GUEST SPEAKER

Guest speaker, the Honourable Susan Fish, M.L.A. and presently Minister of the Environment for Ontario, addressed the issue of "Civics".

She spoke on the important role individual citizens and community groups have in identifying and bringing to the attention of governments the important local issues.

Ms. Fish mentioned that POINT is a good example of people working at the grassroots level who get involved in programs to benefit individuals in the community and to identify areas which need change or improvement.

It is important for urban dwellers not to think that they are "nameless, living in an anonymous city". The strength of neighbourhoods in a large city depends on the input of its residents at the political level, Ms. Fish stated.

The recent Ontario Volunteer Awards Program was sponsored by the provincial government as a way to say "thank you" to the thousands of men and women who have volunteered their time to help others in their local communities. The program was successful in that it recognized people from all income, educational and political lines.

The government can be more effective if more people get involved in the local issues and become strong advocates for community needs. It is by participating and speaking out on issues that helps to "humanize our cities" and keep our communities strong.

In an active question and answer period Ms. Fish fielded questions relating to the low voter turnout at election time and to particular environmental issues.

Ann Barrett turned the meeting over to the new Chairman, Barbara Coupal, who thanked Ann for her work during her term and declared the Annual Meeting adjourned.

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POINT T R I V I A

Thank you to our members who have been generous in their financial support of our 1985 fundraising event. We still need everyone's help to raise an additional \$900.00 and reach our goal of \$4,500.00. If you have put it aside, please retrieve the TRIVIA GAME and send us a donation. Any amount, large or small, will be gratefully received.

SNOW CLEARANCE

At an April 3, 1985 meeting of Ward 10 and 11 Ratepayers' and Residents' Associations a motion was adopted by 90% of the representatives from the 16 organizations present supporting the City of Toronto assuming clearance of snow and ice from sidewalks and placing the cost on a general tax bill. A motion by Alderman June Rowlands that City Council undertake a sidewalk clearing pilot project in the winter of 1985-86 was approved, April 9, 1985.

CITY AGREES TO NEED FOR NEW CENTRE IN NORTH TORONTO

City Council's Neighbourhoods Committee unanimously adopted the Needs and Resources Assessment report at its meeting on May 23. On behalf of the Working Committee, Mrs. Letha Whyte accented the extensive community consultations and intensive committee and staff research represented by this report.

Several Aldermen spoke in favour of this proposal to address the current imbalance in the distribution of public social/recreational facilities in Toronto. Representatives from the Arena Board and an abutting high-rise building emphasized that there are existing issues about the current uses and the capacity of Eglinton Park to carry more facilities. These concerns will have to be dealt with sensitively in the coming phase of activity.

Council will deal with this report at its June 17 session.

General enquiries about the progress of the Working Committee and the various sub-committees can also be made to Letha Whyte, Working Committee chairperson, or Ed Kothiringer, staff, at 947-7447.

COMMUNITY NEWS

PARENTS IN TRANSITION

Summer program meets every Wednesday, June 26th - August 28th at 7:45 p.m. at St. Leonard's Church, 25 Wanless Avenue. P.I.T. is a parent support organization committed to strengthening the family and building positive relationships between parents and their adolescent children. New workshops begin June 26th. For further information, call 481-4543.

MANIC DEPRESSIVE ASSOCIATION OF METROPOLITAN TORONTO

A self-help group for individuals, families and friends who live with manic depressive illness has just been formed in the Toronto area. For further information, call Marie Chapeskie at 482-4103.

SENIORS

SUMMER RENDEZVOUS FOR SENIORS

The popular Tuesday and Thursday dance programs will **continue** at Harbourfront throughout the summer, and boat tours will take place during July and August. In addition, two special day for seniors have been planned. July 10th, "High-Jinks and High Steppers" will feature music and dancing in the Brigantine Room. On July 17th, "Musical Memories" will feature Art Hallman. For further information, call Summer Rendezvous for Seniors at 869-8429.

MASTERS' GAMES

The first Masters' Games for mature athletes will take place in Toronto from August 7 - 25. Under the patronage of the Right Honourable Roland Michener, athletes will be coming from over 60 countries to compete in a wide variety of sports.

SUMMER PROGRAM FOR SENIORS

The City of Toronto Department of Parks and Recreation is running a program for seniors at St. Leonard's Church, 25 Wanless Avenue (Yonge and Lawrence area).

Activities such as crafts, woodworking, fitness classes, cards, guest lecturers, socials, entertainment, special events and barbecues will take place on weekdays, June 20th to August 22nd.

Opening day festivities, 11:00 a.m., Thursday, June 20. All welcome. For further information, call Raul or Lorna at 535-0084.

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

NORTH TORONTO MEALS ON WHEELS

- Only one hour at lunch-time
- To deliver hot meals to housebound seniors from Manor Road United Church
- Please call Lis Smith at 489-8240 or Beverly Winnick at 225-8112.

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SWIM PROGRAMS

Keep both cool and fit this summer with YWCA swim programs for women and children. Classes include swim instruction for all levels as well as recreational swim. Sessions at Willard Hall Pool, 20 Gerrard St.E. continue through June, July and August. For complete details and to register call 487-7151.

TEENS SUMMER INVOLVE

A free job experience training course for teen women 15 - 21 years. Teens Involve '85 begins June 26th for eight weeks (3 day per week). Training is complemented by a field placement working with children. Call 487-7151.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The YWCA Child Care Volunteer Network at 961-8100 needs volunteers to care for children while parents participate in YW programs.